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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ADDI HPSCI BRIEFING: 5 NOVEMBER 85

Congressmen Present: Wright, McHugh, Daniel, Kastenmeier, Beilenson,
 McCurdy, Hamilton, Stump, Ireland, Hyde, Cheney,
 Livingston, McEwen (11 Staff attended as well)

Congressmen Absent : Dwyer, Brown, Roe, Stokes, Michel

Issues Addressed (30 minutes):

Yurchenko Affair	<input type="text"/>	25X1
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Soviet Strategic Interests in Angola (Richard Kerr)		
Philippines Election Prospects (RK)		
Guatemala Election Results (RK)		
Argentina Election Results and Political Stability (RK)		
South Africa Economic Conditions (RK)		
Israeli Counterterrorism (RK)		
Cost of Afghanistan to the Soviets	<input type="text"/>	25X1
Status of Soviet Soldier at US Embassy Kabul	<input type="text"/>	25X1
Nicaragua Arms Deliveries (RK)		

Questions Asked (60 minutes):

Hamilton: Will USG insist on seeing Yurchenko prior to departure? Yes.

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 : Why was there a sharp increase in terrorist attacks
 against Israel this year? Terrorists frustrated and emboldened.

Stump: Why was security for Yurchenko so lax? Not lax; more intrusive
 security was working against us.

McCurdy: Where did Yurchenko escape his security escort?

Pied du Couchon restaurant in Georgetown.
 : Is there really a shortage of Russian linguists at CIA? No. Yurchenko
 was learning English.
 : What did Yurchenko learn that he can take back to KGB? Will have to
 look at record.
 : How will KGB subsequently use Yurchenko? Propaganda; deterrence.

Ireland: Why was there so much publicity about Yurchenko since
 his defection to us? Aggressive journalism.

: Why didn't USG see Yurchenko go into Soviet Embassy? Don't know yet.
 : What will become of Yurchenko now? He will be exploited, at least
 for awhile.

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Hyde: Is Savimbi a Marxist? More of a nationalist.

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: Why didn't CIA react to clues of Yurchenko's instability (problem with his girlfriend; his reaction to publicity) with increased concern for security? No answer.

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Cheney: Expressed concern about leaks; wondered if HPSCI needed session with DCI.

Daniel: What happened to nuclear physicist who disappeared about the same time as Yurchenko? Don't know of whereabouts or of any connection.

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McCurdy: When did we learn of Yurchenko's whereabouts? When press conference was announced.

: Who was responsible for security of Yurchenko? CIA.

Livingston: Are the recent events (Yurchenko, Ukranian sailor, Soviet soldier in Kabul) coincidence or designed to disrupt the summit? No evidence of connections.

: For the record, expressed pleasure at outcome of Guatemala election.

Wright: Is it possible Yurchenko's initial defection was orchestrated? We do not believe so; we consider the prospect throughout our interrogation.

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Wondered if HPSCI members should examine their own procedures; hoped leaks didn't come from Committee.

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Stump: Absolutely essential that members meet to discuss leaks.

Hyde: Urged bar on members and staff from talking to press about intelligence committee issues, except for Chairman and Minority Leader.

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McEwen: Isn't it a violation of law to reveal or affirm contents of
classified information? Layman's "yes;" publication in press
is not synonymous with declassification.
: Wouldn't it be a good idea to let defectors talk with each other
for mutual support?
: Asked that CIA reassess how it handles defectors.

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McHugh: Is there anything USG can do to discredit Yurchenko's story to
minimize the damage? US media doing good job already.
: How many girlfriends does he have? Just the one in Canada.
: When was FBI notified of his "escape?" Within one hour.
: Is Philippines democratic opposition ready for election? No, and
it will have difficulty getting its act together.

Stump: What happens if Yurchenko refuses to meet with US officials or
Soviet Embassy refuses to let him? For State and others to handle.



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